

## STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR

“I want to thank President Bush for this action. This is the fifth extension for 100 percent federal funding for debris removal costs and is very beneficial to Mississippi, particularly to coastal counties and municipalities. We have cleaned up nearly 80 percent of the 45 million cubic yards left in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in only six months. I have told the President we will have the remaining 10 million cubic yards removed and disposed of by the June 30 expiration date.”